

## **Call for Applications: Research Training Program in Social Sciences (M.A.) 2011/2012**

The Institute of Social Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is calling for applications for its **Research Training Program in Social Sciences (M.A.)** for the academic year 2011/2012, starting in fall 2011.

**Application deadline is July 15, 2011.**

Applicants must have a first university degree (e.g. Diploma, Master or Bachelor with at least 240 credits) in sociology, political science or an adjacent discipline. Applications from international graduates are especially welcome.

The MA RTP is a new one-year program particularly suited to research-focused students who would be interested in completing a PhD in Germany. During the two semesters, the MA RTP offers a deeper understanding of social theory, contemporary research methods and debates within social and political sciences. Students have the possibility to select courses most suitable to their own academic needs and objectives. In addition, the program aims to help students adjust easily to academic life in Germany, providing help such as language classes and mentoring.

There are **no** tuition fees charged for the program. However, students have to cover their own living expenses.

There are various possibilities for funding and scholarships available to foreign students. If you are planning to apply for financial support, please contact the program's office as early as possible.

Applications must be submitted online until July 15, 2011.

- German citizens (15.06-15.07 / please check the HU website)
- Foreign citizens (until 15.07 via: <http://www.uni-assist.de/>)

The application should include:

- Certified copy of first university degree
- Letter of motivation
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of official transcript of records
- Outline of a possible PhD-project (1500 words)
- A sample of academic writing (BA or MA thesis, Essay, Research Paper,...)
- One letter of recommendation (preferably from your thesis supervisor)

The outline, the sample of academic writing and the letter of recommendation should be sent directly to the program's office, preferably as an e-mail attachment (pdf-documents only) to [masterrtp.sowi@hu-berlin.de](mailto:masterrtp.sowi@hu-berlin.de)

or by mail to:

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
c/o Prof. Dr. Silvia v. Steinsdorff  
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10099 Berlin

Suitable applicants will be invited for an interview in Berlin towards the end of August 2011.

For further information please visit the Homepage <http://www.bgss.hu-berlin.de/martp> or contact the program's office at [masterrtp.sowi@hu-berlin.de](mailto:masterrtp.sowi@hu-berlin.de)

Please note: The implementation of the master program is subject to final approval by the university.